THE HERALD.

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THE HERALD is the Best Advertising Medium in Harney county, Oregon, because it has a Larger Circulation within the county than the Combined Circulation of all other newspapers published in the county.

See the program for our Races. Every effort is being made to get up a most attractive entertainment.

REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE will charge only $600 a night to preach to the benighted Oregonians next month.

SUBSCRIBERS to THE HERALD in Warner valley will find no aid to building up their section of country so certain as writing up all the occurrences for THE HERALD, which not only has the largest circulation in this and adjoining counties, but abroad. We will give you a column every week if you will fill it.

PROF. NEWELL's contribution this week to the educational interest of Harney county is endorsed by THE HERALD, every line of it. It is an excellent paper, and directors, teachers, and parents attention is called to its careful perusal.

The city editor of the Muncie (Ind.) Evening Herald is a woman —Miss Minnie McKillip. She is an energetic newsgatherer, meeting trains, getting interviews at hotels, and furnishing the printers with more "copy" that any one else on the paper. Miss McKillip is 18 years old, petite in figure, and is said to be quite pretty.—Dalles Mountaineer.

THE late session laws makes it incumbent on road supervisors to kill and weed out all Canada thistles on the road of their districts, and to notify all parties who have it growing on their farms. A failure to do so subjects the supervisor to a fine not less than $50 or more than $100 for each neglect.

Mrs C. W. Wheeler is now a member of the editorial staff of the Daily Times. That's the kind of a wife for an editor to have And now when any one gets hot and wants to fight, we will most respectfully refer them to Betsy, and then the item will read "Betsy and I knocked him out." See?—Waitsburg Times.

Alden's Manifold Cyclopedia.

The issue of the tenth volume calls attention to the rapid progress which this excellent popular cyclopedia is making. The publisher promised the volumes at intervals of about a month; he is recently more than keeping his word. The volume extends from Cosmography to Derby, contains about 640 pages and about 100 illustrations, handsomely printed and neatly bound in cloth, all for 50 cents! The Manifold is more comprehensive than any other cyclopedia except Cassell's (which costs several times as much,) including an unabridged dictionary of the English language in addition to ordinary cyclopedia matter, and though many of the articles are surprisingly extended—for instance, Cotton occupies 26 pages; Crannogs, 8 pages; Creeds and Confession, 5 pages; Cricket, 4 pages; Crusades, 6 pages; Darwin and Darwinian Theory, 17 pages, and so on. It would be strange indeed if a cyclopedia of such great merit, published at a cost so surprisingly low, did not reach an enormous circulation. A specimen volume may be ordered and returned if not wanted. JOHN B. ALDEN, Publisher, New York, Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco.

With the June number of The West Shore Magazine is issued a splendid colored supplement giving scenes in Seattle immediately before, during and after the fire, showing the Tacoma relief tent, business tents, burning blocks, the train bearing the Portland fire engine, etc. As a collection of engravings of that most memorable event, the destruction by fire of the business portion of the largest city on the Puget sound, entailing a loss of fully $15,000,000.00, it will become more and more valuable as time passes. Such a total destruction of business and such courage, energy and quick recuperation as is being shown, render Seattle one of the marvels of the age, and these engravings are a valuable souvenir of the event. The West Shore is published monthly, at Portland, Oregon, at $2.50 a year, or 25c a copy.

Corvallis Gazette: Gov. Pennoyer on Tuesday received a letter from John Kelley, of Portland, who is Oregon's representative at the world's exposition at Paris, France, in which he says "I take pleasure in informing you that my commission has succeeded in securing for me the highest social recognition alike from Americans, French and English. There is no exhibit here from any state; whatever is here is from the United States of America. The exhibit is only fair, but there are many novel things among the machinery department. Acting as officers or guards of the American department, is a detachment from the U. S. marine corps, numbering about 30 men and two officers. They seems to have been especially selected, for I never saw a finer looking lot of young men; their uniform is the neatest on the ground. I can assure you that since I left Portland, April 19th, I have worked and talked as best as I could or know how for the interests of our state and will continue doing so until my return home."

Work on the tunnel on the O. P. near Breitonbush has ceased, it having been decided to go around the hill. One hundred feet had been dug. The tunnel would be over 500 feet long, and it was found that over a month's time and considerable expense could be saved by changing the course this way, hence the decision.—Albany democrat.

A Sad and Sudden Death.

Dalles Mountaineer: Mrs. Josie, wife of Mr. T. H. McGreer, eldest daughter of Mr. J. C. Murphy, died very suddenly and unexpectedly at her home in Crown Rock, May 21, 1889, leaving a young baby who followed her two weeks later. She was born in Sacramento, Cal., July 7, 1860. spent a number of years in Lake county Cal., afterward removed with her parents to Antelope, Or., where she was married to Mr. McGreer.

She was an affectionate and dutiful wife, a loving and tender mother, and is missed by friends and neighbors as well as relatives. Her funeral service was preached at Antelope July 7th, and was largely attended, Rev. W. O. Benadom, of Fossil, officiating.

We mourn the loss of those we love
As they are taken from us one by one;
But soon, ah soon will the reaper Death
Come and claim us for his own.

Then may our lives be pure and true,
And fit for heaven's home above,
Where, when the work of life is done
We go to dwell with those we love.

W. O. B.

T. H. McGreer is the nephew of T. H. Roberts of the Harney Press, therefore cousin of the junior editor of the EAST OREGON HERALD, and is one of the most prominent business men of Antelope, being one of the late merchantile firm of Mays & McGreer of that place. We were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McGreer at Antelope, just two years ago this month, for a couple of weeks, and never associated with a more united, agreeable family than the deceased lady made home pleasant for, and we deeply regret the loss of the devoted wife, mother and daughter, we found Josie McGreer to be. The parents, husband and five little children left to mourn a loss that never can be replaced, have our profound sympathy.

From a letter received from deceased's sister-in-law, Mrs. Adella Blake of Mitchell, we learn the following particulars of the sad death:

Mrs. McGreer had recovered most promisingly from the birth of her last babe, her fifth boy, and was sitting up talking in her usual happy strain with her husband, when she suddenly dropped forward and was dead without a single premonitory symptom.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowmer of Milton, Umatilla co., Or., have just issued the first number of the Daily Eaglet.

THEODORE CHILD will follow his article on "Palatial Petersburg," in the July number of Harper's Magazine, with one on "The Kremlin and Russian Art," in the August Number. The latter will be even more lavishly illustrated th n the former. Mr. Child will analyze into its constituent elements Muscovite art as exemplified in the architecture and the treasures of the palaces and churches of the Kremlin, and will exhibit the truth of the conclusion that there is such a thing as an original and national art in Russia—an idea at which Western critics scoffed not many years since.

Rural Spirit: A horse that gets distanced is out of the race. Where three or more horses start in a race of two best in three, all go to the stable, except the winners of the two heats.

COMMUNICATIONS BY OUR READERS.

A cordial invitation is extended each and every Reader of THE HERALD to contribute to this department of the paper, on any subject of general interest. We claim the right to accept or reject any part or the whole, but not to change the ideas presented. We prefer articles over the writer's own signature, but nom de plumes are admissible. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions advanced by writers under the above caption.

Grading Our Schools.

BY PROF. NEWELL, of Burns School.

EDS. HERALD: Having heretofore expressed through THE HERALD some views as to the propriety of undertaking immediately to grade the schools of our county, I now respectfully ask for space to show some reasons why it is the better plan.

As to the assertion that we could not afford to longer dispense with the "economy of system" in our school work, it is a well known fact that but little system is employed in the teaching of the ungraded public schools, of necessity there is a constant waste of time and money which more system would largely prevent.

At the opening of the school there is the customary "week or two to get the run of things"—almost a total loss to the school. The "new teacher" does not know where any class was working, or what they had gone over, nor how the school was classified, nor who belongs to any class, nor, in fact, anything about the school. Hence, a loss of time in re-organizing classes, and guessing as to the proper point in the book for the pupil to begin his studies, and a general upsetting of all the plans followed by the former teacher. It is impossible that more than a temporary organization can be made until the teacher learns the capabilities of the pupils, and the pupils get acquainted with the teacher, and finally the school is in fair working condition as the term is about drawing to a close.

Again, the school is closed leaving no record as to the organization it has taken so long to establish, or of the work accomplished, and the "next teacher"—as did the one before—enters upon the work of reconstruction, totally in the dark as to the former organization, and so the upsetting and reconstructing process goes on year after year. It is only too plain that a great waste of time and energy on the part of both the teacher and pupil must be the result.

This is not all, there is lack of aim and purpose on the part of pupils and teacher, there being no course of study, there is no definite work set forth to be accomplished, there is no guide, nothing with which to compare and measure their work. Neither is there any guide as to what studies a pupil should pursue synchronously in order to have a well-balanced education, hence we find some running all to one study and some to another. Studies are often selected or allowed at the whim or convenience of the pupil, some pursuing but one or two, others more, just as it happens.

After five or six years, more or less, the student graduates? oh no! not graduates, but "gets tired" and readily finds outside of school more congenial employment. What wonder then that such a small per cent of the students of our ungraded schools never enter the high schools and colleges?

Now the proper remedy for all this is more system, and uniformity and continuity of work from term to term, or in other words, the remedy is in grading the schools, giving to them an outlined course of study, and keeping a strict record of the work accomplished by every class and every pupil.

This record if sufficiently complete would enable the "new teacher" to take up the work the first day where the former teacher left off the last day, and carry it on without break or material loss of time. The course of study would be a guide to each teacher and each pupil showing then the studies which should be studied together for a well-rounded education, and giving them a definite end to accomplish each term, and finally a prospect of a graduation from the public school.

This plan is no idle speculation, it is in successful operation in many States as we know. Our high schools have already connected themselves with our colleges, in that their diplomas have been accepted as a sufficient guarantee for the admission of pupils holding them into their classes without further examination.

Now what we want to do is to connect our common schools with our high schools in a similar manner and the chain is complete.

We say this can be done, and ought to be done. It can be done by putting the country school under a system of gradation and graduation similar in its aim to that of the high school.

This is no longer a question, but a fact, admitted by the best educators not only of our own State, but by all others of any educational prominence in the Union.

I am not in favor of too much "rush" in our educational work. I am a believer in due proportion, but do not see much progressiveness in being always "preparing to get ready."

A Newport Story, a "Co-Ed." Story, an Army Story, a Paris Exposition Story, a Story of "Two Jacks," a Story of Two Pilgrims, are some of the attractions of Demorest Monthly Magazine for August, which makes it just such a number as everybody wants in the hot summer months. The articles are also of timely interest, including an account of the Paris Exposition, giving a view of the whole grounds; "In Central Park," beautifully illustrated in water-colors and in black-and-white; "The Pleasures and Pains of Amateur Photography," by Alexander Black, illustrated with numerous pictures taken by amateurs; "How to Prevent and Remove Wrinkles," the second in the series entitled "Aids to Beauty;" besides numerous other articles on subjects interesting in the family circle, including the health, happiness, amusement and decoration of the household; and there are over one hundred illustrations. In fact the August number, which is just out, is a wonderful production, and worth many times its costs.—Published by W. JENNINGS DEMOREST, 15 East 14th Street, New York.

"How Sweet it is" is the next sonnet of Wordsworth which is published, with illustrations by Alfred Parsons, in Harper's Magazine. It is in the August Number.

The Reporter.

If ye are kilt, or ye are murdered
or robbed of yer all, If yer house is
on fire, or death's in yer hall; If
yer rich an' yer grand an' yer friends
come to tea, In their illigant clothes
and manners so free; If yer daughter runs off with the coachman at
all, Or if ye'd be afther giving a
ball, Or if ye are wronged as a great
many are, Or deserves any praise—
who creates ye the share? Who
praises the fallen and says a good
word That flies to your friends or
your foes like a bird, An' nestling
there in their hearts light as down;
Softens to laughter the frost av
their frown? If yer sthruggling up
wid a load on yer back Av poverty
as big as a peddler's pack; An' if
yer meaning well, tho' yer hope
sthar looks dim, Who finds it out
quicker, and helps ye than him?
Who sees all that's funny and all
that's sad As soon as this warm-
hearted quick-witted lad? Who's
everywhere, anywhere, sunshine or
rain, An' storing thought jewels up
safe in his brain? Who's always
a-greeting his friends wid a laugh,
And niver behind if there's rayson
to chaff? No matter if sorrow be
hid in his breast, 'Tis kept to him-
self laving room for the rest.
Enough people groanin' and moan-
in their lot, The sooner laid over
the sooner forgot. An' thus he
goes on through the battle of life,
The first to make peace an' the first
in the sthrife, Till stripped av his
strength by old Time in his flight,
He lays down his sthub and pre-
pares for the night—that night that
sthales over us all on the sly. Oh!
how hard that the jolly reporther
must die.

ADDITIONAL HARNEY CO. NEWS

Lakeview Examiner: "Kid Hostetter was brought in from Warner last Friday with two bullets in him—the result of a misunderstanding with Clay Rambeau. We did not learn the particulars of the shooting farther than that it was the termination of an old feud. He was taken to the Hopkins house and attended by Drs. Daly and and Franke. One bullet went into the muscular part of the right arm, and lodged near the right nipple, just below the skin. The other entered just below the left ear, and has not been located. His recovery is somewhat doubtful.

Abe Hostetter started for Warner valley like a pony express rider of the olden time on receipt of the news confirming the shooting of his brother by Rambeau.

Mr. James Howe, of Burns, is in town to-day. He reports crops ruined in his section; and not only is the wheat crop a failure, but a late frost played sad havoc with the fruit crop of Harney valley. Speaking of the case in his section wherein a deputy U. S. Marshal was resisted the other day, Mr. Howe says that there is bound to be much trouble over the lands in question, as two strong factions are seeking to gain possession of it. —Dalles Mountaineer.

"Mr. James Howe" late striker in the Early blacksmith shop in Burns, knows he's wanted in this county.

—Mr. and Mrs. Marquis of Silver creek adopted the little Hackman baby. This was a kindly act on the part of that lady and gentleman.

—Harry McClure is in town from Harney.

—Wm. Coatsworth and Mrs. D. J. Lessing made a trip to Idaho we are informed and are now registered as Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coatsworth by the right of bond of matrimonial contract.

—See Atty. Cardwell's new office sign.

—While Bent Young was digging a well on the Stenger hay ranch last week after having gone down through 10 feet of soil, he struck through "hard pan" into gravel, and reports a rush of water that was nearly waist deep before he could get out of the well. It is very cold pure water.

—Tom Howard the best whip on the road is in Burns and will take his old place on the line this week.

—H. F. Adler formerly with J. Durkheimer & Co. of Prairie City is in Burns and will take a like position in the firm here.

—W. C. Byrd will run a meat wagon tomorrow and thereafter for the accommodation of people in the country.

—Dean Horton is still confined to his room from the effects of the gas poisoning that proved so fatal to his companion.

—H. Gibson from Prineville, was in Burns Wednesday. He recently bought the band of horses from Mr. Bolton—the ½ circle brand; the band has been ranging on Silver creek. Mr. G. says he will start shortly with horses to the California market, and will remove his stock to the Summer Lake hills.

—We are pleased to announce that Rev. Bartholomew will be able to resume the holding of divine services in the M. E. church next Sabbath day at 11 a m.

—Sabbath school was well attended last Sunday and the children delighted with the supply of lovely chromo and motto cards presented them.

—Last Suuday was voted the hottest day of the season, the thermometer having registered 102 in the shade.

—A black little pest is infesting THE HERALD garden voraciouly regaling itself on the open petals of the gladioli, portulacca, dahlias, stock, candytuft, etc., not to mention such old reliables as four-o'clocks, sunflowers and marigolds, that so kindly endure the excessive heat accompanied by cold nights and mornings and scarcely flinching from touches of frost now and then. This pest, so far, feeds on nothing but full blown flowers.